

**A. Clean Version of Replacement Paragraph/Section/Claim
with Instructions for Entry**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims of corresponding number.

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3. Floor covering according to claim 1, in which the thermoplastic material displays a marked physical relaxation behaviour at ambient temperature.
 4. Floor covering according to claim 1, in which polyvinyl formals, polyvinyl butyrals, polyvinyl ethers, polyisobutenes, copolymers such as terpolymers of acrylonitrile, butadiene and styrene (ABS), copolymers of vinyl chloride and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, copolymers of vinyl acetate and vinyl laurate or blends of these polymers, including with the addition of typical polymer plasticisers, are used as the thermoplastic material.
 5. Floor covering according to claim 1, in which polymers or copolymers with fillers, preferably light organic substances, are provided as the thermoplastic material.
 6. Floor covering according to claim 1, in which a thermoplastic material with adhesive properties is used.
 7. Floor covering according to claim 1, in which the panels are thicker than the layer consisting of thermoplastic material.
 8. Floor covering according to claim 1, which can be produced by spreading or rolling the thermoplastic material in the free-flowing state on to the bottom of the floor panels.
 9. Process for the production of a floor covering according to claim 1, in which thermoplastic material is heated and applied in the free-flowing state on to the bottom of floor panels by spreading or roller application without the inclusion of air.
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